

THE WEATHER

Unsettled weather. Probably rain tonight and Saturday. Warmer.

TONOPAH DAILY BONANZA

METAL QUOTATIONS	
Silver	75 3/4
Copper	31 3/4
Lead	\$7.50-7.75
Quicksilver	\$70-80

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THE WHOLE WORLD STANDS AGHAST

Words Fail to Express the Shock Caused By Wilson's Message

Three Million Shares Sold By Wall Street Operators

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The stock market yesterday went through the most exciting day in its history, with one exception. President Wilson's note to the belligerent powers, followed by Secretary Lansing's first explanatory statement of its intent, were the occasion of frenzied selling, which in scope and value fairly dwarfed all the operations which followed on the peace proposals from Germany.

Prices were slaughtered to the extent of five, ten and fifteen points, and in one case 33, and the day's sales amounted to 3,176,000 shares, a total without precedent since the famous Northwestern Pacific corner of 1901.

The liquidation of the forenoon, amounting to more than 1,300,000 shares alone, was confined, as had been the case in the recent opera-

tions, to the so-called "war brides," or stocks which might be adversely affected by the declaration of peace, but soon after the publication of Secretary Lansing's statement, suggesting that the United States was "drawing nearer to the verge of war," rails also began to participate in the decline, selling off sharply, with losses of from 4 to 8 points before the close.

Brokers' offices long before the opening were loaded with selling orders, and when the gong on the floor of the exchange sounded for the trading to begin, there was a scene of excitement such as even veteran traders had not witnessed in many years. Brokers surged around the posts of the popular speculative stocks, and opening offers were so wide apart that sales of one or two points difference occurred simultaneously.

The first transactions recorded by the ticker showed losses ranging from two to seven points. United States Steel, which was at the forefront throughout the day, first appeared on the tape, with a transaction of 50,000, representing a lumping together of numerous selling orders at 104 1/4 to 105 1/4, but creating a tremendous sensation. The trading from then on was furious, and the excitement throughout the street intense. The brokers' offices were thronged with nervous customers, many of whom had to see their accounts sold out for lack of margins. The private wires were choked with selling orders, from all parts of the country, particularly during the afternoon. The ticker soon fell far behind in recording the sales, and no one knew at any given moment what the market actually was on the floor of the exchange.

Wilson Is Sick Says an Editor

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Dec. 22.—The Globe mentions Wilson's note satirically. "Since we rely and hope that President Wilson is not unwell we find ourselves very doubtful as to his physical well-being." The editor then proceeds to ask if Wilson never heard what the Germans did to Belgium and Serbia.

BUCHAREST NOT THE END OF THE TRAIL

(By Associated Press.)
BERLIN, Dec. 22.—Field Marshal von Mackensen, responding to a telegram of Emperor William offering congratulations on the capture of Bucharest, says: "Bucharest was one goal, but not the final one."

BAD BREAK PRESIDENT BUTTING INTO SCHEME FOR ENDING THE WAR

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—President Wilson's note to the belligerents urging discussion of peace was officially interpreted as not bearing any threat that the United States might be forced to enter the war because of the continued invasion of its rights by the warring powers on both sides. This interpretation was made late in the day by Secretary Lansing in a formal statement issued to overtake what was characterized as widespread misconstructions placed on one given out earlier in the day, saying that because of the increasingly critical position of the United States as a neutral it was entitled to know exactly what each belligerent

seeks in order that it might regulate its conduct for the future.

Secretary Lansing's final statement, formally prepared, and issued after he had been called to the White House for a conference with President Wilson, declared that he had not intended to intimate that the United States was considering any change in its policy of neutrality and that the whole tone and language of the note were sufficient to indicate its purpose without further comment on his part.

Mr. Lansing's first statement, made orally and of which no official copy was distributed, led to exaggerations of its language and purpose throughout official Washington. Its most striking phrases on which the widest speculation was based were the United States was "drawing nearer the verge of war," and that the sending of the note "will indicate the possibility of our being forced into the war," and that neither he nor President Wilson regarded the note "as a peace note."

When word of what the secretary of state had said spread throughout the capital it created the greatest consternation in official circles and

among the foreign diplomats, many of whom were calling at the state department to receive their copies of the note dispatched to their capitals.

It became apparent that the secretary's statement was not fully approved at the White House and that there was question as to the wisdom of making any comment that might be regarded as an addition to the note. The White House was concerned lest any word reach the foreign capitals to be construed as indicating that the American note was anything but what it indicated on its face. So, after a conference between President Wilson and Secretary Lansing, the second statement was formally prepared and distributed at the state department.

BRITAIN STARTLED BY NOTE OF PRES. WILSON

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Dec. 22.—Absolute and startling surprise was the first feeling in Great Britain aroused by President Wilson's note. The government was surprised, and frankly admitted so. The members of parliament were equally surprised when the news spread through both houses during the afternoon session.

The newspaper offices were surprised and undoubtedly the public was equally surprised when they read Ambassador Page's statement to the

foreign office in the morning papers. All information from America, in the last few days, both in dispatches from the usually best informed Washington correspondents and in advice to the banking and business firms, has said that the president had no intention of taking any steps towards peace or making any move in European affairs.

When he transmitted Germany's note to Great Britain, without comment, it was assumed that this action represented his general attitude towards the European situation.

LONDON SURPRISED BY WILSON'S NOTE

No Answer Will Be Made Until All the Entente Powers Have Been Consulted

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Dec. 22.—Bonar Law announced in the house of commons today that the government would make no statement about the president's note until it has communicated with other members of the entente. The general public was surprised to

learn of the note, thinking the premier's statement ended all peace talk, unless the Teutons defined terms. The Evening News heads comment with the single word "No," and under it, "Our answer to President Wilson." The paper characterizes the note as "surprising."

RESERVES GAIN HALF A BILLION

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The first 100 national banks of the country in size, formerly congested in a few financial centers but now scattered among 33 cities in 22 states, increased their resources between the bank calls of September 12 and November 17 by \$550,000,000, or about nine per cent.

In a statement analyzing returns from the last call, Controller Williams pointed out that with one exception the resources of the largest

hundred institutions are in excess of \$20,000,000 each, or more than \$2,000,000,000 altogether. New York state leads the list with 25 out of the one hundred. Pennsylvania has 16, Missouri 8, California and Illinois 7 each, Ohio, Minnesota and Massachusetts each has 5, Colorado has 3, Texas, Nebraska, Maryland, Michigan, Indiana and Wisconsin each has 2, and Oklahoma, Alabama, Louisiana, Virginia, Washington, New Jersey and Oregon, 1 each.

DEATH OF MIKE BEESLEY AT THE COUNTY HOSPITAL

Mike Beesley, aged 39, died this morning at the county hospital, where he had been received last Wednesday from Manhattan. The cause of death was pneumonia. Deceased is supposed to have a sister living in Provo, Utah, to whom a wire was sent advising of the death.

TODAY AND A YEAR AGO

	1916	1915
5 a. m.	27	41
9 a. m.	31	36
12 noon	36	49
2 p. m.	38	48
Relative humidity at 2 p. m.		
today, 49 per cent.		

FIGHTING IS HALTED

BRITISH ADVANCE OUTPOSTS IN MESOPOTAMIA TO PROTECT CANAL

(By Associated Press.)
Winter weather is causing operations to lack features on most fighting fronts. Considerable activity is shown southward. On the Tigris the British rushed forward close to Kut-el-Amara and continued the attacks on the Turks, evidently hoping to resume the delayed march to Bagdad. The capture of Elarish indicates an effort to further extend the defensive zone and protect the Suez canal region from further incursions.

VILLA AT TORREON

(By Associated Press.)
EL PASO, Dec. 22.—Villistas attacked Torreon at 4 o'clock this morning, according to reports. The battle is believed still to be progressing.

The report said the battle was bloody and violent. Villa is said to have passed Bermejillo, 25 miles north of Torreon, yesterday, going south. The Bermejillo garrison fled to Torreon.

BUFFALO BILL IS ILL FROM A BREAKDOWN

(By Associated Press.)
DENVER, Dec. 22.—Col. William F. Cody (Buffalo Bill) is seriously ill from a nervous breakdown, accompanied by a cold, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. May Becker. Despite his 70 years, Cody is given a "fighting chance" to recover.

TEMPERATURE REPORT

Highest temperature yesterday, 44; lowest this morning, 27.
Highest temperature a year ago, 47; lowest, 49.

TEN LOSE LIVES IN KANSAS FIRE

(By Associated Press.)
WICHITA, Dec. 22.—Eight children and two elderly crippled women are believed to have perished in a fire that destroyed the Kansas home of the Masonic fraternity. There were 92 inmates, most of whom were rescued. A boy discovered flames in the basement early this morning and in an effort to sound an alarm shut off

XMAS DAY IN CAMP

PERSHING'S MEN PREPARED FOR THREE COMPLETE HOLIDAYS

(By Associated Press.)
FIELD HEADQUARTERS, Mexico, Dec. 22.—The army is preparing for the greatest Christmas celebration the American army has ever held outside of the United States. There will be three days of freedom from duties. Thousands of presents have arrived and details have been chosen to decorate a great tree and arrange a barbecue of beefs. A chorus of 200 will sing carols and patriotic songs. A pine tree with a flag pole on top extends 85 feet high. This was brought 35 miles on motor trucks. Eighteen trucks brought Christmas greetings.

AUSTRALIAN STEAMER SUNK
(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Dec. 22.—Lloyds reports that the British steamer Intonus was sunk. The Intonus registered 5300 tons and was owned in Melbourne and was in the service of the government.

WAIT FOR NEUTRALS IN EUROPE TO ACT

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Diplomats are watching whether European neutrals will follow the lead of the United States and make a similar appeal to the belligerents. There is a growing feeling that the United States hopes to become a clearing house for the views and possibly the terms of belligerents.

Spanish and Swiss representatives who have been at the state department repeatedly probably known fully the plans of the government. Every effort is being made by Lansing to prove the notes are not a pro-German move. It is indicated that the entente diplomats understand the situation and will advise their governments to reply in a friendly spirit.

QUARANTINE PUT ON FAMILY PETS

W. B. Mack, state quarantine officer, has declared a quarantine against dogs and cats in Tonopah, which, according to the following statement, must be kept under close control on the premises of the owner. Chief of Police Evans began to enforce the order this morning. For the benefit of householders the order is given as follows:

Reno, December 21, 1916.
J. G. Crumley,
Chairman Nye County Grand Jury,
Tonopah, Nevada.

It appearing that an acute, deadly and infectious disease known as rabies, affecting human beings and all domesticated animals alike, which, when contracted, is invariably fatal and which constitutes a serious menace to the lives and health of the residents and all domesticated animals, exists in Tonopah, Nevada, by the authority vested in me under chapter 280, statutes of Nevada, 1915, I hereby order the premises of all residents of Tonopah, Nevada, under quarantine with respect to rabies, and each and every person is directed to closely confine upon his own premises any and all dogs and cats owned or controlled by him. The peace officers of Tonopah are directed to impound every dog and cat found running at large and to prosecute the owners thereof under the provisions of the act. Please have notice served on all interested parties.

W. B. MACK,
State Quarantine Officer.
This morning a commission was received appointing S. A. Gholson, member of the Nevada state police, with special authority for the Tonopah district to enforce the order. He will be assisted by J. D. Jefferson. Dogs and cats that cannot be caught or snared for the purpose of impounding will be killed.

PARLIAMENT LEFT GROPING IN DARK

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Dec. 22.—Parliament was prorogued without members being given further information regarding the president's note. The king's speech expressed confidence in ultimate victory.

RETREAT RESUMED

GERMANS LINE UP FRESH TROOPS AGAINST THE RUSSIANS

(By Associated Press.)
PETROGRAD, Dec. 22.—A wireless to the press of the United States states the Russians in northern Dobruja have been attacked along the whole front by superior numbers of Teutonic forces, compelling a further retreat northward.

MESSAGE USED ON THE MARKET

INDIANA MAN DEMANDS AN INQUIRY INTO OFFICIAL INTERPRETATIONS

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Representative Wood, a Republican from Indiana, introduced a resolution today asking congressional investigation of the conflicting interpretations placed upon the president's note by the state department, to determine if any one high in the administration or his relatives profited from the resultant stock fluctuations.

SUNK BY DESTROYERS
(By Associated Press.)
PARIS, Dec. 22.—A Nantes dispatch says the German submarine U-45 has been sunk by destroyers.

BUTLER THEATRE

TONIGHT

VIRGINIA PEARSON

—In—
"THE WAR BRIDE'S SECRET"

—And—
A Christie comedy

Tomorrow

A Big Double Bill
Charlie Chaplin in

—In—
"Behind the Screen"

—And—
Viola Dana in

"The Light of Happiness"

Matinee, 1:30; Night, 7 and 8:30
Admission 10-15c